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Burmaster announces 'Project Lead the Way' state appropriation money

MADISON—State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster announced \$500,000 in state appropriations targeted for Project Lead the Way (PLTW) high school programs in Wisconsin.

"Many of Wisconsin's fastest-growing industries and highest-demand jobs are in fields that require a background in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics," said Burmaster. "This money will help support Project Lead the Way programs in Wisconsin as they prepare students for success in the engineering and technology fields."

The funding is part of Gov. Jim Doyle's 2007-09 state biennial budget, with \$250,000 available for the 2007-08 school year and an additional \$250,000 for the 2008-09 school year. Participating high school programs may use the money for professional development for teachers or to make the required annual PLTW software purchase.

"Project Lead the Way provides our students with a rigorous pre-engineering program that uses the latest in high-tech computer software," said Burmaster. "The program allows students to explore a major career path and prepares them for continued success if they choose to pursue a two- or four-year degree in engineering or engineering technology after they graduate."

PLTW is dedicated to preparing middle and high school students for careers in the technical, high-wage sector of engineering and engineering technology. With Department of Public Instruction and the Kern Family Foundation support, there were 119 PLTW Wisconsin schools in 2007-08. Of those schools, 79 applied for and received funding through this appropriation, which is limited to \$3,000 total per participating high school. More than 140 schools are expected to participate in PLTW during the 2008-09 school year.

To request funding for the 2008-09 school year, PLTW schools will be informed about registration in the early fall. Learn more about the funding by contacting Brent Kindred, technology and engineering education consultant, at brent.kindred@dpi.wi.gov.

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NOTES: A list of schools receiving Project Lead the Way funding for the 2007-08 school year follows. This news release is available electronically at http://dpi.wi.gov/eis/pdf/dpi2008_105.pdf. More information about Project Lead the Way in Wisconsin can be found at http://www.pltw-wi.org/index.html.

Wisconsin High Schools that Received 'Project Lead The Way' Funding for the 2007-08 School Year

Appleton

Appleton North High School Appleton West High School Tesla Engineering Charter School

Beloit

Beloit Memorial High School

Brodhead

Brodhead High School

Brown Deer

Brown Deer High School

Clinton

Clinton High School

Cuba City

Cuba City High School

De Pere

De Pere High School

Delavan

Delavan-Darien High School

Eagle River

Northland Pines High School

Eau Claire

Eau Claire Memorial High School Eau Claire North High School

Edgar

Edgar High School

Glendale

Nicolet Union High School

Green Bay

Green Bay East High School Green Bay Southwest High School Green Bay West High School Preble High School

Greendale

Greendale High School

Hartland

Arrowhead High School

Hazel Green

Southwestern High School

Highland

Highland High School

Janesville

Craig High School Parker High School Kenosha

Bradford High School Tremper High School

La Crosse

Central High School Logan High School

Lake Geneva

Badger High School

Livingston

Iowa-Grant High School

Madison

Madison East High School Madison LaFollette High School Madison Memorial High School Madison West High School

McFarland

McFarland High School

Menomonie

Menomonie High School

Milwaukee

Milwaukee Academy of Science Bradley Technology and Trade School Hamilton High School Pius XI High School Riverside University High School South Division High School St. Joan Antida High School Thomas More High School Washington High School

Monona

Monona Grove High School

Muskego

Muskego High School

New Berlin

Eisenhower High School

New Berlin

New Berlin West High School

New Richmond

New Richmond High School

Oak Creek

Oak Creek High School

Oconomowoc

Oconomowoc High School

Oshkosh

Oshkosh North High School Oshkosh West High School **Platteville**

Platteville High School

Pleasant Prairie

Lakeview Technology Academy

Plymouth

Plymouth High School

Prairie du Chien

Prairie du Chien High School

Pulaski

Pulaski High School

Racine

Case High School Washington Park High School William Horlick High School

Rhinelander

Rhinelander High School

South Milwaukee

South Milwaukee High School

Spring Green

River Valley High School

Superior

Superior High School

Sussex

Sussex Hamilton High School

Wales

Kettle Moraine High School

Watertown

Watertown Unified High School

Waukesha

Waukesha North High School Waukesha South High School Waukesha West High School

Waunakee

Waunakee Community High School

Wausau

Wausau East High School Wausau West High School

West Bend

West Bend East West Bend West

Wisconsin Rapids

Lincoln High School